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In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 13, 15, and 16, cancel claim 2 and add new claims 19 to 24 such that the new claim set reads as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A collapsible loading ramp comprising:

at least a first longitudinal support structure and a second longitudinal support structure, each of the first longitudinal support structure and the second longitudinal support structure having an upper surface and each including a raised post extending from the upper surface;

a cross-member including a pair of side supports, a plurality of rungs extending between the pair of side supports, a first aperture formed to fit over the raised post on the first longitudinal support structure and a second aperture spaced from the first aperture and formed to fit over the raised post on the second longitudinal support structure, the cross member thereby being formed to attach between the first longitudinal support structure and the second longitudinal support structure by removably engaging over the posts to bear against the upper surfaces of the first longitudinal support structure and the second longitudinal support structure; and

the first longitudinal support structure, the second longitudinal support structure and the cross member each being separable from the others for disassembly and collapsing of the ramp.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) The collapsible loading ramp as claimed in claim 2 1 wherein the side supports include a first facing side and an opposite facing side and either the first facing side or the opposite facing side can be mounted against the longitudinal support structures.

4. (Currently amended) The collapsible loading ramp as claimed in claim 2 1 wherein at least one connection between a rung and a side support permits flex therebetween.

5. (Previously presented) The collapsible loading ramp as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first longitudinal support structure is foldable at a hinge.

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6. (Previously presented) The collapsible loading ramp as claimed in claim 5 including a safety cable connected about the hinge such that the safety cable is pulled tight about the hinge when said longitudinal support structure is extended to prevent the hinge from overrotating when a load is applied to the ramp.
7. (Original) The collapsible loading ramp as claimed in claim 5 further comprising a shock absorber at the hinge.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Original) The collapsible loading ramp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the posts each include an angled head under which the cross members can be slid to be locked against lifting vertically off the post.
10. (Original) The collapsible loading ramp as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a second cross member and the cross member and the second cross member are formed to stack together when in a stored configuration.
11. (Previously presented) The collapsible loading ramp as claimed in claim 1 wherein the raised posts are mounted on the first longitudinal support structure and the second longitudinal support structure.
12. (Previously presented) The collapsible loading ramp as claimed in claim 11 wherein, in a collapsed position, the raised posts remain mounted on the first longitudinal support structure and the second longitudinal support structure and the first and second apertures are removed from over the raised posts.
13. (Currently amended) The collapsible loading ramp as claimed in claim 2 1 wherein the side supports each include a channel extending substantially perpendicularly to the plurality of rungs.
14. (Previously presented) The collapsible loading ramp as claimed in claim 13 wherein the channels are each formed to fit over one of the upper surface of the first longitudinal support structure and upper surface of the second longitudinal support structure.

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15. (Currently amended) The collapsible loading ramp as claimed in claim 2 1 wherein the first aperture is formed through a first of the pair of side supports and the second aperture is formed through a second of the pair of side supports.

16. (Currently amended) The collapsible loading ramp as claimed in claim 2 1 wherein at least one rung of the plurality of rungs defines a longitudinal axis and the at least one rung is attached to one of the pair of side supports by a pivotal connection that permits pivotal movement therebetween about the longitudinal axis.

17. (Previously presented) The collapsible loading ramp as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first longitudinal support structure comprises a first part, a second part, a hinge between the first part and the second part to permit the first longitudinal support structure to be folded about the hinge and a shock absorber positioned between and in contact with the first part and the second part to bias them into a slightly folded configuration.

18. (Previously presented) The collapsible loading ramp as claimed in 9 wherein the first aperture is sized to fit over both the raised post and its angled head.

19. (New) A collapsible loading ramp comprising:

at least a first longitudinal support structure and a second longitudinal support structure, each of the first longitudinal support structure and the second longitudinal support structure having an upper surface and each including a raised post extending from the upper surface and the first longitudinal support member being foldable at a hinge and including a safety cable connected about the hinge such that the safety cable is pulled tight about the hinge when said longitudinal support structure is extended to prevent the hinge from overrotating when a load is applied to the ramp;

a cross-member including a first aperture formed to fit over the raised post on the first longitudinal support structure and a second aperture spaced from the first aperture and formed to fit over the raised post on the second longitudinal support structure, the cross member thereby being formed to attach between the first longitudinal support structure and the second longitudinal support structure by removably engaging over the posts to bear against the upper

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surfaces of the first longitudinal support structure and the second longitudinal support structure; and

the first longitudinal support structure, the second longitudinal support structure and the cross member each being separable from the others for disassembly and collapsing of the ramp.

20. (New) The collapsible loading ramp as claimed in claim 19 further comprising a shock absorber at the hinge.

21. (New) A collapsible loading ramp comprising:

at least a first longitudinal support structure and a second longitudinal support structure, each of the first longitudinal support structure and the second longitudinal support structure having an upper surface and each including a raised post extending from the upper surface and the first longitudinal support member being foldable at a hinge and including a shock absorber at the hinge;

a cross-member including a first aperture formed to fit over the raised post on the first longitudinal support structure and a second aperture spaced from the first aperture and formed to fit over the raised post on the second longitudinal support structure, the cross member thereby being formed to attach between the first longitudinal support structure and the second longitudinal support structure by removably engaging over the posts to bear against the upper surfaces of the first longitudinal support structure and the second longitudinal support structure; and

the first longitudinal support structure, the second longitudinal support structure and the cross member each being separable from the others for disassembly and collapsing of the ramp.

22. (New) The collapsible loading ramp as claimed in claim 21 wherein the first longitudinal support structure comprises: a first part and a second part and the hinge acts between the first part and the second part to permit the first longitudinal support structure to be folded about the hinge and the shock absorber is positioned between and in contact with the first part and the second part to bias them into a slightly folded configuration.

23. (New) A collapsible loading ramp comprising:

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at least a first longitudinal support structure and a second longitudinal support structure, each of the first longitudinal support structure and the second longitudinal support structure having an upper surface and each including a raised post extending from the upper surface, the raised posts each including an angled head;

a cross-member including a first aperture formed to fit over the raised post on the first longitudinal support structure and capable of sliding under the raised head to be locked against lifting vertically off the raised post and a second aperture spaced from the first aperture and formed to fit over the raised post on the second longitudinal support structure and capable of sliding under the raised head to be locked against lifting vertically off the raised post, the cross member thereby being formed to attach between the first longitudinal support structure and the second longitudinal support structure by removably engaging over the posts to bear against the upper surfaces of the first longitudinal support structure and the second longitudinal support structure; and

the first longitudinal support structure, the second longitudinal support structure and the cross member each being separable from the others for disassembly and collapsing of the ramp.

24. (New) The collapsible loading ramp as claimed in 23 wherein the first aperture is sized to fit over both the raised post and its angled head.